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19. (Currently Amended)      An assembly comprising:

a ladder having at least two ladder rails that support the ladder in a standing position; and  
slide pads attached to at least some of said ladder rails so that said slide pads are disposed

under said at least some of said ladder rails when said ladder is in said standing position, ~~each of said slide pads having a base, a vertical support that extends upwardly from said base, and flexible arms that extends from vertical support, wherein said vertical support and said flexible arms form a receptacle structure that receives and engages one of said ladder rails of said ladder wherein each of said slide pads has presents less resistance to sliding than does any of said ladder rails when said ladder is in said standing position.~~

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Cancelled)

22.(Currently Amended)      The assembly according to Claim ~~21~~ 19, further including a strap attached to said flexible arms for biasing said flexible arms toward each other.

23.(Cancelled)

24.(Currently Amended)      The assembly according to Claim ~~23~~ 30, wherein a peripheral ridge extends upwardly from said slide pad base and said tubular elastic band extends upwardly from said peripheral ridge.

25.(Cancelled)

26.(Currently Amended)      The assembly according to Claim ~~20~~ 31, further including at least

one strap for biasing said fingers toward each other.

27.(Previously Presented) The assembly according to Claim 26, further including sloped locking heads on said fingers.

28.(Currently Amended) The assembly according to Claim ~~20~~ 19, wherein said base of said slide pad has at least one curved edge.

29.(Currently Amended) The ~~device assembly~~ according to Claim ~~20~~ 19, whereon said base of said slide pad is metal.

30. (NEW) An assembly comprising:

a ladder having at least two ladder rails that support the ladder in a standing position;  
slide pads attached to at least some of said ladder rails so that said slide pads are disposed under said at least some of said ladder rails when said ladder is in said standing position, each of said slide pads having a base and a receptacle structure that extends upwardly from said base, wherein said receptacle structure includes a tubular elastic band that is adapted to surround a portion of one of said ladder rails, thereby enabling said receptacle structure to receive and engage a ladder rail.

31.(NEW) An assembly comprising:

a ladder having at least two ladder rails that support the ladder in a standing position; and

slide pads attached to at least some of said ladder rails so that said slide pads are disposed under said at least some of said ladder rails when said ladder is in said standing position, each of said slide pads having a base and fingers that extend upwardly from said base, wherein said fingers form a receptacle structure that receives and engages one of said ladder rails of said ladder.